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MINUTES

November 3, 2009
500 West Temple Street
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Hearing Room 374-A
Los Angeles, California 90012

Chairperson Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6, 2009

On motion of Commissioner Patricia Gray, seconded by Commissioner Gordon Gray, with Vice Chairperson Wilhelm and Commissioner Leiga abstaining the October 6, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMISSION VACANCIES

Chairperson Kelley reported the following:

- First Supervisorial District – First District has not made a decision, suggestions of possible candidates are welcomed.
- Mayor, City of Los Angeles – Commissioner Gomez will continue to follow up with the office of the Mayor, City of Los Angeles for an appointment.

GREEN BUILDING SURVEY

Commissioner Westall reported the following:

- Of the 88 cities surveyed in Los Angeles County 9 cities have adopted mandatory green building ordinances (Beverly Hills, Culver City, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Monrovia*, Pasadena, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood) and 2 cities (Burbank and Rancho Palos Verdes) has adopted voluntary ordinances;

- While many cities have developed their own stringent standards and requirements depending on the type of project, the most common standard used is LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification developed by the U.S. Green Building Council;
- As an incentive for complying with the standards of the ordinance, a number of cities will expedite the plan process and waive fees between 5% and 20% depending on the Sustainability Level or LEED® certification level. (complete report on file);
- The next step is to complete a comparative analysis of the adopted ordinances and the Statewide Building Code to establish best practices that will serve as a model to other cities.

Vice Chair Wilhelm will contact Lauren Rank of Regional Planning to inquire if the County plans to adopt a model ordinance and report back at the next meeting on ways to distribute the information to interested cities as soon as possible.

* In draft form.

DISCUSSION OF AB 222 (ADAMS)

Commissioner Patricia Gray reported the following:

- AB 222 (Authored by Assemblymember Adams) would expedite the production of advanced, non-food bio-fuels, green power and bio-based products from biomass. Passage of this bill will provide cities credits under the diversion legislation for converting solid waste into these forms of energy;
- To protect the interest of the recycling industry, amendments were implemented that require cities to meet 50% diversion through recycling;
- Although there has been an ascending requirement on parts of cities to recycle, the amount of disposal has stayed the same due to population and not much has been done to reduce waste; and
- The bill has passed the Assembly and is expected to be heard in late April or May 2010, the recommendation is to send a letter of support to Assemblymember Adams for his use when they take part in the Senate Hearings.

Commissioner Burman will arrange to meet with Assemblymember Adams to obtain more information. Commissioner Patricia Gray will draft a letter of support.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Commissioner Wilhelm reported the following:

- Arranged a meeting with staff of Los Angeles City Councilmember Greig Smith in hopes of driving cooperative work between the County and City on solid waste management;
- Will contact Coby Skye of Public Works and inquire the extent of his outreach with the City of Los Angeles and others identified that have transfer stations. He plans to organize a meeting between Coby Skye and Councilmember Gary Delong;

Commissioner Burman reported he met with Councilmember Delong last week in which he was asked to provide a summary of how conversion technologies would benefit the City of Long Beach. Upon receipt, Councilmember Delong offered to present it to the City Manager with the objective of getting it to their Director of Public Works.

NEW PROJECT IDEAS FOR 2010

Chairman Kelley encouraged all Commissioners to confer with their appointing authorities and others to generate new project ideas for the coming year.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)

Commissioner Reddock spoke to Chief Deputy Alisa Katz of Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's Office and confirmed receipt of the Taxi Cab Report. She agreed to review the recommendations and will notify Commissioner Reddock if there are any ideas they would like to move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. the next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tyler K. Kelley, Chairperson
Thomas G. Wilhelm, Vice Chairperson
Mark Burman
Barbara Calhoun
Shana Epstein
Jimmy Gomez
Gordon Gray
Patricia Gray
Algird Leiga
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MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Rodrigo Guerra, Jr.
David Spence

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